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E.O. 11652: DECONTROL ON RECEIPT

TAGS: MASS, PK

SUBJECT: HELICOPTERS FOR PAKISTAN

REF: STATE 193071

1. INDIAN EXPRESS SEPTEMBER 28 FEATURED STORY FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, T.V. PARASURAN, HEADLINED "US VIOLATES EMBARGO BY GIVING PINDI COPTERS." PARASURAN SUMMARIZED WASHINGTON POST REPORT AND THEN COMMENTED: "HOWEVER, THE AMERICAN DECISION DOES APPEAR TO OBSERVERS HERE TO BE A FURTHER BREACH OF OFT-REPEATED STATEMENTS BY THE ADMINISTRATION SEEKING TO REASSURE INDIA THAT THE PRESENT ARMS POLICY IS FIRM. IT IS BELIEVED HERE THAT MR. NIXON'S GENEROSITY ON THE POTENTIALLY LETHAL HELICOPTERS WAS RESPONSIBE FOR MR.BHUTTO'S CHANGE OF TONE IN

HIS SPEECHES IN THE US. IN THE BEGINNING HE WAS ANGRY AND CHARGED THE US WITH BREAKING TREATY COMMITMENTS. LATER HE SOFTENED
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AND SAID THE ARMS ISSUE WAS STILL AN OPEN ONE AND MR,14,8/9,'S

DIFFICULTIES WERE DUE TO THE MOOD THE US CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC."

2. EASWAR SAGAR DISPATCH IN THE HINDU, HEADLINED "PAK ALLOWED TO KEEP US RELIEF HELICOPTERS," APPEARS BASED ON POST REPORT BUT DOES NOT GIVE ATTRIBUTION TO POST. SAGAR CONCLUDES, "THE ACQUISITION OF SIX OLD MODEL HELICOPTERS, EVEN IF THEY ARE CONVERTED AND PRESSED INTO DUTY BY PAKISTAN FOR MILITARY DUTY, WILL HARDLY MAKE ANY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE TO PAKISTANI MILITARY CAPABILITIES. BUT EVEN THOUGH THE UNITED STATES MIGHT ARGUE THAT THE DEAL DOES NOT AMOUNT TO A GOING BACK ON DECISIONS AND ASSURANCES PREVIOUSLY MADE OR GIVEN, IT IS ALSO WELL AWARE THAT THE ACTION WOULD RAISE SUSPICIONS IN THE MIND OF DELHI ABOUT WASHINGTON'S EVENTUAL INTENTIONS."

3. WE HAVE HAD NO QUERIES FROM EITHER PRESS OR GOI.
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